

**Chamber of Commerce
Active Organization**

**Devote Energies Toward Making
Southern Pines the Ideal Place
To Live**

One of the most active organizations in Southern Pines is the Chamber of Commerce, not along the lines of the most so-called organizations, but for the good of the community. It does not seek industries and conventions or devote its energies to endeavoring to swell the population, but works along the line of trying to

make Southern Pines a town of beauty, of satisfied residents who want to remain here because it is a better town to live in than any other they know of.

The directors meet every other week to talk things over, plan their program and carry it out. Once a year the Chamber holds an annual banquet to which everyone is invited, and this affair has grown to be one of the highlights of the winter season. Some prominent speaker of national importance always heads the toast list.

Shields Cameron is president of the Chamber and Hugh J. Betterley secretary and treasurer.

**SCOUTING GAINING
ACTIVE Foothold
IN MOORE COUNTY**

**Four Troops Coordinated Under
County Board; W. D. Matthews Made Chairman**

NATIONAL SUPERVISION

The last 12 months have been months of real Scout activity here in the Sandhills of North Carolina. Previously Scouting was almost inactive. There were only two registered troops in the entire county, but now a district committee is organized under the direct supervision of the Central Carolina Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The work of organization was not achieved at once but owes its existence to two very successful Courts of Honor, one held in Southern Pines and the other in Pinehurst. During the month of March of this year, Troop Number 1 of Southern Pines, a troop newly organized and sponsored by Saint Anthony's Catholic Church, held the first Tri-City Court of Honor. This meeting was held at the Southern Pines High School Auditorium. Aberdeen and Pinehurst troops participated and the boys of the three troops received their awards of advancement at this time. Father Williams, Scoutmaster of Troop Number 1, was chairman of this Court of Honor. During the month of May a second Court of honor was held in the Community Church at Pinehurst with J. Talbot Johnson as chairman making the wards to the boys of the same participating troops. All summer, Scouting has been kept alive by various hikes and overnight camping trips on the part of all troops. The Pinehurst and Aberdeen troops enjoyed many happy days at Camp Steere near Charlotte. Troop Number 2 of Southern Pines sponsored by the newly-organized Presbyterian church with the Rev. E. L. Barber as Scoutmaster, camped with the Scouts of Hoke County in their camp near Raeford.

County Board Elected

Realizing that more can be accomplished by organized effort than by individual enterprise a meeting of the four organized troops of the county was held on October 20 at the Southern Pines School. During the meeting the scout movement was fully explained, showing that the success of the work is dependant upon a committee giving supervision to scouting in this community, and that such a group should be organized. W. Duncan Matthews of Southern Pines was elected chairman with W. P. Marton of Pinehurst as his assistant. J. C. Robbins of Aberdeen was elected secretary. That all the troops might have a voice in their government, I. C. Sledge was elected to represent Pinehurst, C. F. Brassington Aberdeen, Charles S. Patch Troop 1 of Southern Pines, and the Rev. F. Green Troop 2 of Southern Pines.

At a meeting of the newly elected County Board of Scouters, Norris L. Hodgkins was appointed chairman of the Committee on Finance, J. Talbot Johnson Committee on the troop organization, Nelson C. Hyde Committee on Publicity, the Rev. W. S. Golden Committee on Church Relations, W. P. Morton Committee on Reading, the Rev. Charles S. Hannigan, SS. J., Committee on Inter-Racial Scouting, Jackson H. Boyd Committee Court of Honor, R. E. Wicker Committee on Camping, Garland A. Pierce, Committee on Training, H. L. Thomas Committee on School Relations, E. H. Garrison Committee on Rural Scouting and L. V. O'callaghan Committee on Cubbing.

The value of this new County committee cannot be estimated. Previously Scouting was divided, individual; now it is coordinated and supervised directly by the National Office. A

county-wide program has been adopted which will be put into operation under the wise guidance of James E. Steere, Scout Executive of the Council whose life work has been boys and Scouting. One of the first steps of this new program is to be a boy-fact survey following which new troops will likely be formed in Carthage, Pinebluff and many other places throughout the county. A revolving Court of Honor is planned to meet monthly in towns having a Scout Troop. Supervised camping is another objective either here in the county or in the Council's Camp Steere near Charlotte. The great goal of the year is the World Wide Jamboree to be held in Washington, D. C., in June, 1937, to which the committee plans to send at least four Boy Scouts.

All the new books and the best of the old ones at Hayes.



**The Reasons for
Southern Pines**

Southern Pines has grown to be one of the most attractive and unusual villages of its class and population because of certain definite influences. These may be rated in about the following values:

THE VILLAGE—A town of about three thousand people who have made of their community a big park, with no Queen Anne fronts and Mary Ann back yards, but with every street and ally a parkway, clean streets, green lawns, fresh paint, and as one observer says, streets swept and dusted and sandpapered.

ACCESSIBILITY—Only one night's travel by rail from New York, and a network of hard-top roads from all over the country, with choice of routes in many ways. Four or five hours by air from most eastern points.

HOTELS and COTTAGES—Among the best hotels of the country, with cottages and apartments for rent with all modern equipment and conveniences.

CLIMATE—which is the main factor. Here is a latitude just north of 35 degrees, about that of the Bermuda and Los Angeles, and much farther south than the famed resorts of France and the Mediterranean, the sun is higher in winter than in the North, and genial. The dry air caused by the dry sandy soil is helpful in tempering the warmth of the sunshine.

THE PEOPLE—There is the big asset of Southern Pines. Excellent people recruited from the various states, people who come here to enjoy life in a clean and wholesome way, democratic in their relations to each other, cordial and neighborly, interested in making of the village and surroundings the most pleasant place in the world to live—and they come mighty near doing it.

SPORTS and ENTERTAINMENTS — The home of golf, with nine courses, and some of the world's foremost tournaments. Polo, Archery, Tennis, Shooting, Racing, etc. A moving-picture theater operated by a high official of the National Theatre Owners' association, who lives in the community.

HEALTH—Dry sandy soil makes dry air. Dry air makes the extreme of sunshine. Sunshine has an actinic effect that means health. Water supply filtered through the vast sand deposits naturally, and refiltered by big sand filters at the plant, giving the best possible reading at the laboratory every morning. Dairies of the highest character, under State supervision and inspection. Standard hospital endowed by Duke Foundation. Picturesque hill country all around inviting drives and walks.

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